

The Township of  
**Washington** *Mercer County*



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August 23, 1996

Darren P. Belick, General Manager  
 TKR Cable  
 2137 Hamilton Avenue  
 Hamilton Township, N. J. 08619

Re: WZBN TV-25 Coverage

Dear Mr. Belick:

I was very dismayed to learn, both through media coverage and personal contact with representatives of the station, that you plan to reduce the WZBN coverage to one hour per day in order to make way for FOX News. It has been my personal experience that WZBN provides an invaluable service to the residents of Washington Township by its coverage of local issues.

As we begin the review process for renewal of your franchise in Washington Township, as you well know, we will be doing an in-depth examination of your past performance as well as looking at the future cable-related needs of the community.

Again, Washington Township feels that WZBN provides the kind of news coverage that is vital to our community and its residents, and strongly suggest that you reconsider your decision.

Very truly yours,

Glen Beebe  
 Township Committee

GB:bd

cc: Township Committee Members  
 Michael W. Dill, Administrator  
 Lou Zanoni  
 Greg Zanoni  
 WZBN  
 Trenton Times  
 Messenger Press

Nancy L. Tindall  
*Mayor*  
 Rosemary E. Pramuk  
*Deputy Mayor*  
 Glen Beebe  
*Township Committee*  
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 Vincent J. Calcagno  
*Township Committee*

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*Township Administrator*

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 RMC, CMC, AAE  
*Township Clerk*



**State of New Jersey**  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN  
*Governor*

HARRIET DERMAN  
*Commissioner*

August 30, 1996

Greg Zaroni  
WZBN TV-25  
2600 East State Street Extension  
Trenton, NJ 08619-3320

Dear Greg:

I am writing to express my appreciation for the assistance you provided to the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety in helping us to prepare for Fire Prevention Week (October 6-12). Thanks to your efforts, we will be able to reach hundreds of thousands of cable television viewers with important and potentially life-saving fire safety educational information.

Thank you again for the contribution you have made to the welfare of communities throughout New Jersey.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Matcho  
Supervisor of Public Education  
New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

cc: Paul Freas, President  
TKR Cable Company  
67 B Mountain Blvd. Ext.  
Warren, NJ 07059

Darren P. Belick, TKR GM  
2137 Hamilton Ave.  
Hamilton Township, NJ 08619



Andrea Spillmann  
11 Renfrew Avenue  
Trenton, NJ 08618  
September 9, 1996

Paul Freas, President  
TKR Cable Company  
67 B Mountain Blvd. Ext.  
Warren, NJ 07059

Dear Mr. Freas,  
Please don't cut back WZBN.  
I believe that they are a great asset  
to the community.

WZBN touches on events that affect  
the average person's life in Mercer  
County. There are many more positive  
features on it than on any other news  
station. This causes viewing by many more  
concerned citizens, rather than just people  
who watch the news for sensationalism.  
I know many people who make an effort  
to watch WZBN.

Children can watch a much higher  
percentage of WZBN than of other news

stations, which makes it easier for parents to watch. They don't have to worry about their children going in a different room. Not only is WZBN child-friendly, but there is also a lot pertaining to children. That's good because it gives children who were on the program more confidence, and the children who watch the show more to live up to.

I have been on WZBN twice, so I know that they are very kind and courteous. They go to great extents to arrange a time that is good for you and them. Also, from the two times I was on WZBN, I know that many people watch it. There were many people who told me that they saw me on it and I hadn't even told them.

When I watch WZBN, I come away with a good feeling. It is quite the opposite when I watch other news programs. Laura Jones, Tony Capputo, and Joey Waller seem like they really care about the topic they're covering. They add a personal touch

Thank you for your time with  
this letter. Again, please don't cut back  
on WZBN.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Spillmann  
Age 11

c.c: Darren P. Belick, TKR GM;  
WZBN TV-25

22 Key Road  
Charlotte, NJ 08620  
September 25, 1996

Mr. James Belick  
General Manager  
TKR Delaware Valley North  
2137 Hamilton Avenue  
Hamilton, NJ 08619

Dear Mr. Belick:

I received your response to my letter requesting that WZBN stay on Channel 25 in its current format.

I disagree with your point that constant repetition of the 20 minute WZBN segment is an ineffective use of a 24 hour channel. My husband and I watch different schedules and having WZBN on all the time is very convenient for us. We have CNN, all news Channel 1 and the networks; we all need another news channel. We do not need another news channel in our area. We want to know what is going on in our community - WZBN is not only television source for that information.

Your letter claims that you want

to bring the best in local programming. How can you pay something like that when you plan to put WZBN in a format that will cause their demise?

If you really want to do what is right for your paying customers, leave WZBN alone and put the Fox News Channel on one of the "new" channels that will be added.

KEEP WZBN ON CHANNEL 25!!  
Don't mess up a good thing!

Sincerely,  
Rose H. Leming  
Rose H. Leming

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Comments of  
W25AW (WZBN TV-25)  
On RM-9260  
May 13, 1998

**EXHIBIT "F"**

**Municipal Resolutions In Support of**  
**WZBN (W25AW)**

Approved as to Form and Legality

Date

August 22, 1996

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
SUPPORTS CONTINUATION OF TKR CABLE OF  
HAMILTON'S CURRENT CONTRACT PROVIDING  
WZBN WITH A 24-HOUR STATION

WHEREAS, WZBN TV-25 has provided Mercer County with an exceptional public service; and,

WHEREAS, there is no other media outlet that covers local news and events as WZBN does for the residents of our community; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential that the communities of Hamilton and Washington Township continue to have access to the local programming that WZBN offers 24 hours a day; and,

WHEREAS, WZBN has been an active member of the community since it began operation in 1993 by providing a much needed service to our residents, as well as taking part in charitable and community activities that benefit all people of Mercer County; now, therefore,

Clerk to the Board

RECORD OF VOTE													
FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.	FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.
Angarone				X			McManimon	X					
Cannon	X						Migliaccio	X					✓
Constance	X				✓		Carabelli	X					
Hamilton	X												

X—Indicates Vote      Abs.—Absent      N.V.—Not Voting  
Res.—Resolution Moved      Sec.—Resolution Seconded



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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders in the State of New Jersey strongly supports continuation of TKR's 24 hour coverage of WZBN's programming and urges TKR Cable of Hamilton to continue discussions with WZBN to ensure the present contract between the two parties remains intact because of the inherent beneficial service provided by WZBN TV-25 to Hamilton Township and Washington Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy this Resolution be forwarded to the Hamilton Township Council, the Washington Township Committee, Lou Zanonoi, President of TKR Cable, and Darren P. Belick, General Manager of TKR Cable of Hamilton.

SPONSORED BY: Freeholder Patrick F. Migliaccio  
Freeholder Joseph Constance  
Freeholder Michael Angarone  
Freeholder Anthony Carabelli  
Freeholder James McManimon  
Freeholder Ann Cannon  
Freeholder Keith Hamilton



Clerk to the Board

Resolution No. 361-96

**RESOLUTION URGING TKR DELAWARE VALLEY NORTH  
TO CONTINUE TO BROADCAST WZBN ON CABLE CHANNEL 25  
IN THE CURRENT FORMAT AND TIME FRAME  
AND TO ENCOURAGE COMCAST CABLE TO EXPAND  
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP'S COVERAGE**

WHEREAS, TKR Delaware Valley North has informed cable subscribers that it will remove a Low Power Television Station (WZBN TV 25) from a full 24 hour status to a part time status on a public access channel; and

WHEREAS, the Communications Act recognizes that commercial programming and paid advertising are typically not features of public access and moving WZBN TV to a part time status on a public access channel is unacceptable to the franchising authority; and

WHEREAS, without the opportunity to continue broadcasting 24 hours a day, WZBN may not be able to continue in operation; and

WHEREAS, because of the popularity and benefits that WZBN provides Lawrence Township, we encourage our major cable carrier (Comcast Cable) to expand WZBN's broadcasting hours; and

WHEREAS, WZBN TV channel 25 has proven to be an asset, not only to the citizens of Lawrence Township but to the entire Mercer County area, providing news and services benefiting the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, that all local cable carriers should be encouraged to expand WZBN's broadcast hours to the benefit of Lawrence Township residents, as well as to those in our neighboring communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Darren P. Belick, Area General Manager of TKR Delaware Valley North, Gregory P. Arnold, General Manager of Comcast Cable, and to Louis Zanolì of WZBN TV.

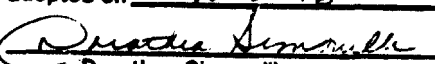
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Adopted: October 2, 1996

**RECORD OF VOTE**

Council	Aye	Nay	Pres.	Absent	Abst.	Moved	Sec.
Colavita	✓						
Meagher	✓					✓	
Miller	✓						✓
Pulliti	✓						
Mayor Wilfrid	✓						

X - Indicates Vote    Pres. - Present    Abst. - Abstained  
Moved - Resolution Moved By    Sec. - Resolution Seconded By

Certified to be a true copy  
of Resolution #361-96  
adopted on 10-2-96  
  
Dorothea Simonelli  
Municipal Clerk  
Date: 10-7-96

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

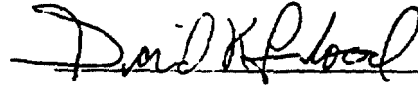
No. **96 407**

Approved as to Form and Legality

Factual Contents Certified to by



Township Attorney



Title

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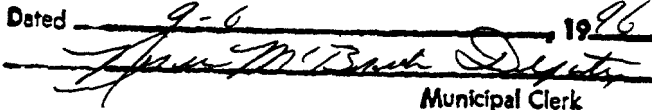
WHEREAS, WZBN TV Channel 25, has proven to be an asset, not only to the citizens of Hamilton Township but to the entire Mercer County area, providing news and services benefitting the public; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Hamilton in the County of Mercer that TKR Delaware Valley North be, and hereby is, urged to continue to broadcast WZBN TV on cable channel 25 in the current format and time frame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that the Administration investigate the possibility of authorizing additional franchise agreements within the municipality which may provide services according to the wishes of the cable subscribers and franchising authority.

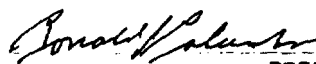
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I hereby certify this to be a true copy.  
Township of Hamilton, County of Mercer, N. J.

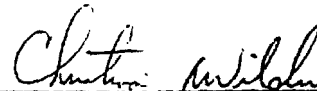
Dated 9-6, 1996  
  
Municipal Clerk

Adopted by Council on

September 3, 1996  
Date



PRESIDENT



MUNICIPAL CLERK

RECORD OF VOTE						
COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	RES.	SEC.
John B. Zoller	✓					
Paul Pete Schroeder	✓					
John R. Lacy, Jr.	✓					✓
David K. Flood	✓				✓	
Ronald J. Palumbo	✓					
X - Indicates Vote    A.B. - Absent    N.V. - Not Voting    RES. - Moved    SEC. - Seconded						

# RESOLUTION No. 96 797

Date of Adoption OCT 3 1996

Approved as to Form and Legality

Factual contents certified to by

City Attorney

Title

Councilman

presents the following Resolution

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF LOCAL TELEVISION NEWS CHANNEL WZBN TO RETAIN A 24-HOUR PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE ON TKR CABLE OF HAMILTON

WHEREAS numerous surveys taken in recent years have consistently show that the majority of American people are dependent upon television as a main source for their daily news reports; and

WHEREAS the City of Trenton and the greater Mercer County area has been historically without the services of a commercial television station focusing exclusively on local news programming; and

WHEREAS local television station WZBN came into existence several years ago and immediately provided a very necessary community service to the residents of Trenton and most of Mercer County; and

WHEREAS WZBN focuses its programming on local news events and helps fulfill the very vital role in a democracy of informing the people; and

WHEREAS the residents of the City of Trenton and Mercer County are better informed about the workings of their local governments as a result of the local news coverage provided by television station WZBN; and

WHEREAS TKR Cable of Hamilton has announced plans to move WZBN to a public access channel and reduce the station's 24-hour programming schedule to four evening broadcasts and a midnight to 6 a.m. rotation; and

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
THIS IS A TRUE COPY  
DATED, TRENTON, NJ

Oct 7 1996  
CITY CLERK

# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** WZBN officials maintain that the reduced schedule would cut into advertising revenue and possibly drive the station off the air; and now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Trenton, New Jersey, does hereby go on record as being fully supportive of the efforts of local television news station WZBN to retain a 24-hour programming schedule on TKR Cable of Hamilton; and now therefore be it further

**RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the officials at TKR Cable of Hamilton, local television station WZBN, Mayor John K. Rafferty of Hamilton Township, and the members of the Hamilton Township Council.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON PASSAGE															
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	
CIRILLO	X				ROBINSON	X				YOUNG	X				
MELONE	X				UNGRADY	X				PRESIDENT					
PINTELLA	X				WALKER	X									
X—INDICATES VOTE      A.B.—ABSENT      N.V.—NOT VOTING															

Adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton, NJ

OCT 3 1996

*Frank A. Cirillo* *John K. Rafferty* *Alvin C. Butcher*  
 President of Council      Int. City Clerk



# RESOLUTION No. 5992

Date of Adoption \_\_\_\_\_

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Factual contents certified to by

City Attorney

Title

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CIRILLO					ROBINSON					YOUNG					
MELONE					UNGRADY					PRESIDENT					
PINTELLA					WALKER										
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Adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton, NJ \_\_\_\_\_

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President of Council

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City Clerk

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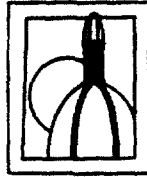
Comments of  
W25AW (WZBN TV-25)  
On RM-9260  
May 13, 1998

**EXHIBIT "G"**

**Letters To The Editors of Local Newspapers In  
Support of WZBN (W25AW)**



# TORIAL



## The Trentonian

A Journal Register Company Newspaper

H.L. SCHWARTZ III, Publisher

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MARK STRADLING, Editorial Page Editor

ROCKY GALLO, Production Director

PAUL DAHMS, Circulation Director

## d 's Law

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diploma.

# I to the Editor Letters

## Alternative to incinerator

For the \$215 million the proposed Mercer County incinerator is supposed to cost, we can get rid of our county garbage without it at the present, already over the top \$117 per ton rates for the next 18 to 20 years.

Add the \$215 million construction cost of the burner to the scheduled tipping fees proposed for it, and getting rid of 20 years worth of garbage will cost us \$325 million, or five million dollars more per year than it costs us now.

And that's an optimistic estimate. Since those wonderful folks in Mercer County government already bring us the costliest county library system in the state, proof provided upon request, you can be sure they won't rest until they charge us more for solid waste garbage disposal than anybody else

who lives in New Jersey's other 20 counties will have to pay.

Freeholder Michael Angarone's Aug. 4 letter gives the impression that he views the incinerator as a political issue. As a taxpayer — and who of us is not? — I view it at an economic issue. As such, it's a malodorous deal for everyone involved, including those who live in the county and who work for contractors who expect to work on the burner's construction.

Whatever few bucks they make on their temporary gig will quickly be eaten up by higher county taxes. The sharks of both parties who infest the waters at 640 South Broad St. will make sure of that.

**Angelo R. Papa**  
Ewing

## Save WZBN

I would like to add my voice to the chorus of voices protesting the dismantling of WZBN.

Last November I ran for a seat in the New Jersey State Assembly from the 14th District, which encompasses Mercer and parts of Middlesex County. As a candidate without funds to speak of, I had no means to get my message to the voters.

WZBN, by providing a debate format and covering candidates' press conferences, gave voters an opportunity to see and hear from ALL candidates.

The fact that I did not win is not relevant to this debate. What is relevant is that WZBN provides an important public service to the community.

In this day when we have government by special interests, for special interests and of special interests, because most politicians dance with campaign finance reform — but never take it home — political coverage as presented by WZBN is vital.

Now is the time for viewers' voices to be heard!

**Tina D'Oria**  
Hamilton Township

the cost of living.

I feel the city of Trenton, with all its problems ... is being unreasonable and burdensome to its residents, who are currently paying too much and getting too little in exchange.

I am asking, for the benefit of the residents of Trenton, for this issue to be pursued further and researched in detail. I am sure this was an oversight that deserves more reporting on a daily basis than did Hamilton Township.

Although I am not a resident of the city of Trenton, I do have family there. I was born and raised in the city and have kept a soft spot in my heart for Trenton.

Trentonian, the name of your newspaper bears the name of the city. Be the ray of hope to the residents of your city and speak out regarding this outrage.

As for the residents of the city of Trenton, stop and imagine if the city of Trenton had the efficient management that has been in Hamilton Township by its mayor and administration for the past 20 years. I suppose we can only pray for hope.

**Armando A. Agabiti**  
Hamilton Township

would either Dole or Clinton n "family values"? They're shaky ground.

Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, though he's a model of what the American family man be, it's fair for the Clinton point out that Dole divorced other of his only child, the who nursed him through his difficult war-wound recovery. They might refer to Elizabeth as "Dole's second wife."

Clinton holds himself up as a son of family virtue, it's fair to say. His opponent to bring up some of the charges of infidelity, made him in the past, that seem too obvious to be fiction.

Both candidates would be better at holding themselves up as all-American family men. Neither is that and I wish they stop competing for who has the most victims of tragedy on their

*by Rooney is a syndicated columnist and TV commentator.*

**LES**

## 1 Edition

I have a news tip for The Times, call our city desk at the number below.

Area ..... 989-3454  
Phone ..... 267-9385  
..... 946-6502  
..... 924-3681

London and others call collect

## 2 Information

Second-class postage paid at Trenton, N.J. The Times mail subscriptions \$10 per year anywhere in the continental U.S. Other rates available on request. The Times (ISSN 8750-1000) is published Monday through Saturday, at 500 Perry Street, Trenton, NJ 08616.

MASTER: Send address changes to The Times, P.O. Box 847, Trenton, N.J. 08605.

call 396-3277, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
or 5:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

and disposed of. There, garbage is dumped, spread out in a layer and covered with approved backfill material.

The incineration process works differently.

First, with the incinerator, Mercer County will continue to recycle.

Second, material that is not recycled will be disposed of in the resource recovery plant. In this process everything is reduced to ash. The ash is a sooty soil-type substance.

We must continue to move ahead. We can no longer continue to use our valuable land resources as dumping grounds. We need an efficient alternative method of disposing of our garbage and the answer is the resource recovery plant.

Not only will this alternative method of disposal save our land resources, but it is also more economical since hauling and dumping fees would be eliminated.

Needless to say, Marilyn Jose and the Mercer County Democratic Party's beliefs are not representative of the majority of the taxpayers of Mercer County. We want what is best for the county and not what is best for just one group. The resource recovery plant is the answer to our ever-growing garbage problem.

**Armando A. Agabiti**  
Hamilton Township

## Airline security

I wonder just how much better airport security would be if an international policy were adopted requiring one security person involved in loading the plane to be chosen at random just before boarding is complete to ride the departing flight.

There might just possibly be some incentive to be alert.

**Edward Ridgeway**  
Pemberton Township

August 8 article by Charles Stille: "Smith: Abortion floor fight Rx for GOP." Chris Smith said he "would welcome a fight on the floor over the abortion issue." Why would he do that?

In my opinion, pro-life organizations have as members some of the most enraged and uncaring people I have ever been exposed to. They disregard the rights of U.S. citizens and people everywhere. I am not political, but I know what is good behavior and what is unjustifiable. I have seen pro-life demonstrators who have harassed women without even knowing their circumstances. In the article Chris Smith is quoted as saying, "We need a national debate on exactly what abortion does to a baby and what it does to the mother." We do need a debate on issues that involve children and mothers.

Let us defend all the little humans that are in this world now: all the innocent children who dream someday of being desired and loved by a family who wants them; who feel the pain of mental and physical abuse; who are born with AIDS, or drug addictions.

I wonder why this pro-life organization doesn't circulate some of the millions of dollars it spends on advertising to feed and clothe abandoned children and support adoption agencies to make it easier to place children with families.

I have seen too many children abused by parents who do not want them. I will not argue about when life begins; I will argue for the abandoned children whose hearts are breaking because nobody is there to love them or hold them! What about their rights?

It scares me that the Republican platform endorses a constitutional amendment that would make abortions illegal in all circumstances.

**Deborah Crelin**  
Ewing Township

of hours for things." The worried landlord is the only person in the article who seems to have respect for a person's human dignity; even Deputy Police Chief Constance has a cavalier attitude towards the investigation.

"The killer might be sending a message," Constance said. The Times is sending an even stronger message: that the life of a woman — a human being — is worth less when that person engages in illegal or immoral activities. Condemn their acts, please, but do not sanction their abuse, rape and murder.

**Curran Nachbar**  
Hopewell Township

## WZBN provided needed service

I would like to add my voice to the chorus of voices protesting the dismantling of WZBN.

Last November I ran for a seat in the New Jersey State Assembly in the 14th District, which encompasses Mercer and parts of Middlesex County. As a candidate without funds to speak of, I had no means to get my message to the voters.

WZBN, by providing a debate format and covering candidates' press conferences, gave voters an opportunity to see and hear from all candidates.

The fact that I did not win is not relevant to this discussion. What is relevant is that WZBN provides an important public service to the community.

In this day when we have government by special interests, for special interests and of special interests — because most politicians dance with campaign finance reform but never take it home — political coverage as presented by WZBN is vital.

Now is the time for viewers' voices to be heard!

**Tina (Clem) D'Oria**  
Hamilton Township

both sides. American president also said: "When our interest in the security of our friends and allies is threatened, we will act with force if necessary. That is what we did this morning in Iraq."

This demands examination.

What interest do we have in the region? To save their oil for us? It doesn't come from there. To protect the Kurds? We have contributed to their decimation ourselves, and when the Turks do it to their Kurdish minority we don't even bother to slap them on the wrist. Turkish troops chased Turkish Kurds into Iraq, we did nothing and said nothing serious. Iranian troops chased Iranian Kurds into Iraq, we did nothing and said nothing serious. But when Iraqi troops enter Iraqi territory to help one faction that has asked for their help, we shoot missiles at them.

Who is our friend or ally whose security is threatened? Iran? We are still calling Iran the greatest terrorist-sponsoring nation in the world. They are still calling us The Great Satan. Our allies Saudi Arabia and Turkey refused to cooperate.

ONE WOULD HAVE to be childishly naive not to see the political component of the president's decision. Bob Dole had been needling him for being soft on Saddam Hussein. President Clinton shut Bob Dole up. No one shuts Ross Perot up. Perot said, "War is not a Super Bowl event. War is not a place for politicians to create a positive image and get a bump in the polls." Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, was less unkind, but more earthy. He was also right on target: "We got no dog in this fight."

There will indeed be a price to pay, and we will pay it. Taxpayers pay for million-dollar missiles. The price of gasoline jumped up overnight, as Iraq's scheduled contribution to the supply was put on hold. Our international credibility was weakened, not strengthened, when our justification for the attack was so weak. Our "allies" deserted us in droves. It was a bad move that won't even help politically by November.

Otis Pike is a former Democratic member of the House from New York. His column is distributed by Newhouse News Service.

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# wilderness

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res of rugged Utah desert and  
t. If this is what he means by  
we need more of it. Creation of  
National Monument will quash a  
e the nation's largest known coal  
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gation to open up this part of the  
commercial exploitation. Appro-  
his announcement at the Grand  
odore Roosevelt shielded from  
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Mr. Clinton invoked last week.

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THIS AN EXCELLENT LETTER.  
THIS LADY REALLY CARES  
FOR THE SENIORS, SHE  
HAS DONE SO MUCH TO  
HELP US. WE LIKE WHAT  
SHE WROTE ABOUT "VV ZBN".  
SHE DESERVES A LOT OF  
CREDIT FOR CARING FOR ALL  
OF US, DON'T YOU THINK?

A night  
to remember

Sep 22, 96

WZBN a boon  
to many seniors

ing.

It is no secret to anyone that Mike  
Pappas is pro-life. A principled man  
himself, Mr. Pappas resisted calls of  
moderation from the party hierar-  
chy over the abortion issue. In fact,  
he commented once about abortion  
during the primary, "I will concede  
nothing."

However, he is not running on the  
pro-life platform alone. As Mr. Pap-  
pas had said it many times, "If I  
were a one-issue candidate, I would  
have not won the primary." Indeed,  
we should look at Mr. Pappas' thor-  
ough conservative record. The can-  
didate has pledged his support to the  
balanced budget amendment, en-  
dorsed the notion of a flat tax and  
repeal of the gun-control law, and  
has stated his opposition to affirma-  
tive action.

An informed and an intelligent  
voter should look at the whole range  
of issues being debated and, after

In the fall of 1995, Mr. Rafael Ro-  
driguez, president of We the Peo-  
ple/Nuestra Gente, a political (non-  
partisan) action committee which  
advocates and works for the pro-  
gress of the Hispanic community,  
proposed the idea of having a ban-  
quet to honor those people who had  
exemplified the hard work, dedica-  
tion and commitment to service that  
Mr. Carlos Pacheco so unselfishly  
molded with over 20 years of total  
commitment and dedication. It was  
a great idea.

On May 4, 1996, We the People/  
Nuestra Gente held the first annual  
Carlos Pacheco Service Awards Ban-  
quet. The banquet was held in Mr.  
Pacheco's honor, recognizing people  
who had committed themselves to  
community service.

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nca Berrios-Ohler, Marlene  
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Carlos Fernandez and Wil-  
liciano.

enton community is mourn-  
loss of a great person: Mr.  
acheco. Thank you, Carlos.  
certainly miss you. Thank  
he encouragement and love  
for the Puerto Rican peo-  
nk you! Thank you! Thank

Ken Seda  
Trenton

ter is Carlos Pacheco Ser-  
vards banquet committee  
in.

TRENTON Times

I would like to point out the im-  
portance of WZBN to me and my  
family. Many senior citizens depend  
on seeing the activities, world news,  
as well as Hamilton and other local  
area news. Many seniors are dis-  
abled and unable to go out as they  
used to. These people must get all  
their information and enjoyment  
from our local station, WZBN. Many  
watch "most wanted," local news,  
entertainment and local sports.

Please do not disappoint these  
people who desperately need to  
watch WZBN daily.

MaryJane Bratis Ruther  
Trenton

The writer is president of the  
AARP, Chapter 355 of Trenton.

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and big money in politics.

Once he decided to run for  
gress, Zimmer announced he  
take PAC money because you  
win elections without it.

Zimmer did say he would no  
money from some groups. Bu  
effort ended two weeks ago  
the GOP National Committee  
for anti-Torricelli TV ads.

The ads took advantage of  
loopholes created by a U.S. Sup-  
Court ruling that permits na-  
and state political committees t  
for ads not controlled by any s  
ing or fund raising limits.

Even if you argue that usin  
national committee is legal and  
cal, once a candidate takes the  
ey, he or she has no control  
who is paying for the campaign

Candidates who used to say  
do not take money from conti-  
sial groups like the tobacco  
can now take money from a  
committee that DOES take m  
from the tobacco lobby.

There is almost no way to ru-  
public office without being ci-  
up in some kind of ethics proble

TORRICELLI IS expected  
spond to Zimmer's criticism  
fundraiser by pointing out that  
mer had to fire Mike Francis, t  
finance chairman, after he  
kicked off the state Sports Autl  
by Gov. Christie Whitman. Fra-  
under state investigation for a  
ating with a mobster.

There is no evidence that Fr  
did anything illegal, but the po-  
climate dictates otherwise. Th  
no evidence that either cand  
did anything illegal or unethi-  
return for a political contrib-  
But if the candidates keep c  
each other crooks, the voters  
decide that both are crooks.

How about drafting Bill Br  
for a fourth term?

Jim Goodman covers politic  
the State House for The Times.

# promise of RU-486

The Food and Drug Administration has de-  
 abortion pill RU-486 safe and effective —  
 the official approval that's expected soon —  
 end of the bitter controversy over abortion  
 far from it. But it has the potential to curtail  
 aspects.

to choose abortion by pill rather than by surgi-  
 and only those who are very early in pregnan-  
 — medical supervision still will be essential.  
 its can be prescribed, and the patient's pro-  
 in any doctor's office. It won't be necessary to  
 in surgical clinic where protesters can congreg-  
 patients, doctors and medical staff. The clinics  
 at surgical abortions will continue to be the  
 majority of cases. But the size of the target will be

and worse — by pro-life zealots has taken its  
 in some areas of the country, surgical abor-  
 tions are unavailable to women who want to exer-  
 cise their constitutional right to choose. That should change, in  
 educate themselves about RU-486 and begin  
 privacy of their offices.

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events of tobacco advertising is  
 a positive step, but why not get alco-  
 hol out of sporting-event advertising  
 first?

Cigarette smoking is analogous to  
 suicide — people know they are kill-  
 ing themselves, but they themselves  
 make the decision to do so. Drunken  
 driving is analogous to murder. In-  
 nocent people are murdered every  
 day by drunken drivers, yet the  
 president continues to attack tobac-  
 co companies, saying that tobacco  
 advertisements are influencing our  
 youth and should be banned.

Beer commercials dominate sport-  
 ing event advertisements. The same  
 young audience that sees tobacco  
 ads is brainwashed into thinking it's  
 cool to drink beer, until they take to  
 the roads and murder someone else  
 and/or themselves. In my mind, al-  
 cohol-related deaths are a much  
 greater problem in this society than  
 cigarette smoking.

Which is worse, suicide or murder?  
 I don't condone either, but our  
 priority should be to prevent murder.  
 Mr. President and the rest of  
 society — get your priorities  
 straight!

Mark Cipolloni  
 Hamilton

Sep 20, 1996 Trenton Times

## TKR should rethink its position

The recently-announced decision  
 by TKR Cable of Hamilton to severely  
 cut back on the airing of WZBN  
 (Mercer Channel 25) greatly disturbs  
 me.

I served on the Hamilton Town-  
 ship Ad Hoc Cable Advisory Com-  
 mittee and was honored to partici-  
 pate in that effort along with  
 committee chair (and former Coun-  
 cilman) Don Tamutus, then-Council-  
 man Peter Burkhalter, civic activist  
 Bill Groom and longtime Council-  
 man Jack Lacy, as well as several  
 other fine citizens of our communi-  
 ty.

I submit that there was never any  
 indication from representatives of  
 TKR that our local news and infor-  
 mation station would be affected.  
 Councilman Lacy is entirely correct  
 when he states that a survey of Ham-  
 ilton residents revealed their desire  
 for more local programming, not

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less. Furthermore, TKR's plan to air  
 a six-minute news program that they  
 would produce is an insult to the  
 residents of our community. I will  
 wager that this six-minute "news"  
 broadcast is turned into a marketing  
 tool for the cable company.

Like Councilman Lacy, I do not  
 always agree with the views ex-  
 pressed by WZBN — I consider that  
 a good thing and demonstrative of  
 an independent media.

One last reminder to TKR: I  
 learned from my experience on the  
 Ad Hoc Cable Advisory Committee  
 that technological change is occur-  
 ring so fast that we can barely keep  
 up. In addition to use of the 18-inch  
 satellite dish, you may well be able  
 to get programming from the same  
 outlet that your telephone or com-  
 puter now uses. Maybe the citizens  
 of Hamilton should look to new tech-  
 nologies and consider abandoning  
 the cable system if their feelings  
 and desires are so unimportant to  
 the recently refranchised cable pro-  
 vider.

If TKR does not rethink its posi-  
 tion on WZBN, I will make sure that  
 friends and neighbors realize that  
 they need not be held hostage by a  
 cable company to get the broadcast  
 programming that they want.

John D. Kelly  
 Hamilton Township

## Greed over community interest

In regard to TKR Cable Co. of  
 Hamilton choosing greed over com-  
 munity interest, I wish to comment.

The first problem is that TKR has  
 no competitor in Hamilton; other-  
 wise I would drop it and pick up  
 another provider. The company  
 knows this and that is why it is  
 choosing greed over community in-

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"Is having a negative impact on the program, and upon both houses of finding. If they don't approve it, no funds can be made available until once again, to the 8 percent rationing ending delays and restrictions were 6 appropriations.

ples around the world benefit directly plies and family planning services rnement. Tens of millions more rely on efitied from U.S. technical assistance. l the administrative stranglehold im- s by extremists in Congress will result d births and abortions abroad, as well ants and women. That's a high price to

the community, and they say they will monitor construction and abide by East Windsor Township regulations. However, the DOT is entitled to take no bows until the process of acting on realistic input from community groups is a matter of course.

Kristine E. Floren  
Cranbury Township

## WZBN a winner

I strongly urge TKR to retain WZBN coverage as it exists at present. As a former elected official in Mercer County, I observed early on that in the political area WZBN never played favorites, and it was everywhere getting out the news of local and county happenings. Residents of Mercer County need and want to know what activities are taking place, what is happening in our schools, and who is doing good things.

I can watch a whole bunch of "other channels" for state and national news. Nevertheless, they will not tell me what is going on in my community. Frankly, let's face it, people are just as interested, if not more interested, in community people and events, than in those in far-off places. WZBN has been a winner since its inception. It has added significantly to the quality of life in Mercer County. Please keep it in our community!

Linda Brenner Lengyel  
Ewing Township

Although I have contacted TKR regarding their lack of channels compared to Comcast for the past few years they refuse to answer my correspondence. Other cable systems offer a lot more channels for a lot less money. We need more competition for cable service in Hamilton and perhaps TKR would not be so arrogant toward its subscribers.

John J. Komer  
Hamilton Township

## I can't afford another tax cut

In the early 1980s we received a 30 percent cut in our income taxes. As a result, we have a national debt of \$5 trillion. With every dollar we now pay in income taxes approximately 28 percent (and rising) goes to pay only the interest on the national debt. We will be paying this for the rest of our lives as will our children and grandchildren.

In New Jersey (as of 1995) we received a 15 percent cut in our income taxes. Gov. Whitman received a savings of \$5,591 (The Times, Aug. 22). I received a savings of \$45. However, my real estate taxes rose from \$3,305 in 1994 to \$4,275 for 1995-96. A net loss of \$925.

Now Senator Dole is talking about a 15 percent cut in income taxes. Please, I cannot afford it.

Harold Blakeslee  
Florence Township

would be a milestone in the protection of religious liberty. It is supported by a wide range of religious and civil liberties groups. Congress should act swiftly to enact this bill into law.

For many religiously observant Americans, the greatest peril to their ability to carry out their religious faiths on a day-to-day basis may come from their employers — employers who will not make reasonable accommodation for observance of the Sabbath and other holy days or employers who refuse to allow employees to wear garb required by their religion, such as a yarmulke, a turban or other clothing that meets modesty requirements.

The refusal of an employer, absent undue hardship on the workplace or in the performance of duties, to provide such reasonable accommodation of religious practice is a form of religious discrimination. Religious discrimination should be treated as seriously as any other form of discrimination that stands between Americans and equal employment opportunities. The proposed legislation draws an appropriate balance between the legitimate interests of an employer and the right of an employee to practice his or her religion.

It is time to enact the Workplace Religious Freedom Act into law.

Craig Proverny  
Andy Kessler

Millburn Township

The writers are chairs, American Jewish Committee N.J. Political Activity Committee.

cases they are not or more er. (According to the macher Institute, "only" 17 or younger become fa year; 175,000 girls of th come mothers.)

The Robin Hood repo least convincing when it up the societal costs of childbearing — not bec costs are trivial but becau necessarily nebulous. Fo the added costs imposed parenting on health car foster care and prison c must largely be guesses the cost to taxpayers of k on the part of the young

The total of such cos \$1.3 billion a year for incal care, \$900,000 for in ter care placements, an for higher prison costs that would disappear if mothers waited until 20 their first child.

ONE MORE useful i gregation. The tendenc sions of such social iss pregnancy is to think of ple" — principally Afr cans and Hispanics — source of the problem. / that the teen birth rat two groups are very high per 1,000 females aged 1

But the rate for n white teens is also hig 1,000. This compares to for teens 15 to 19 of 4 pe mark's 10, Australia's 26. The nearest U.S. c the United Kingdom, births per 1,000.

The lesson of those that teen-age pregnanc and economically costl problem. And as the R port reminds, American get busy figuring out he

William Raspberry i ton Post columnist.

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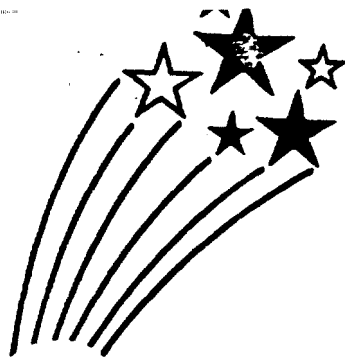
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## Kuser School PTA

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WE, THE KUSER PTA MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT WZBN, CHANNEL 25. WE ASK THAT IT CONTINUE TO BE SHOWN ON A FULL TIME BASIS, AND ASK TKR CABLE COMPANY NOT TO MOVE WZBN TO CHANNEL 8 ON A PART TIME BASIS.

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8-30-96

TKR of Hamilton  
Daren Belick

Dear Mr. Belick,

We, the undersigned, feel that TKR is doing a terrible disservice to the community by removing WZBN and "The Mercer County Update" from the current location on Channel 25. Please reverse this decision and continue to bring us the fine local coverage which we have all come to enjoy, value, and rely upon.

Sincerely,

David J. Wisner, Jr.  
Ewing Township

Pat Kane  
Ewing Township.

Jean M. Wentzlum  
Yardville (Hamilton Twp.)

Scott Bates  
Yardville

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